

REMARKS

Claims 1-24, 27-32, 36-40 and 43-58 were pending prior to this amendment. Claims 1-3, 6, 8, 10, 11, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 26, 28-31, 36, 45-47, and 54-57 have been amended. Claims 20, 27, 32, 43, and 52 have been cancelled. New claims 59-63 have been added. Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

Allowed claims

Claims 1-18 and 57 are allowed.

Applicant acknowledges the allowed claims.

Allowable subject matter

The examiner objects to claims 20, 27, 32, 43, and 52 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Applicant acknowledges the allowable subject matter of claims 20, 27, 32, 43, and 52.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 19, 21-24, 26, 28-31, 36-40, 44-51, 55-56, and 58 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Chang (U.S. Patent 5,245,179).

Although the applicant does not necessarily concede that claim amendments are necessary, in an attempt to expedite prosecution, the following amendments have been made. Claim 19 has been amended to include features similar to features found in claim 20, which was indicated as having allowable subject matter. Claim 19 has also been amended to remove certain claim terms not required for allowability. For instance, the claim terms “wherein the light source, the supporting frame and the scanning location are positioned to form a substantially triangular configuration” were removed on that basis that these claim terms were not required for the allowability of other claims, such as claim 10. Claims 21-24, being dependent, include the same features and thus should be allowed for at least the same reasons. Claim 36 has been amended to include features similar to features found in claim 43 and thus should be allowed for at least similar reasons. Claims 37-40 and 41-46, being dependent, include similar features and thus should be allowed for at least the same reasons.

Claim 26 has been to include features similar to those found in claim 27, which was indicated as having allowable subject matter. Claim 26 has also been amended to remove certain features not required for allowability. For instance, the claim terms “disposing a plurality of reflecting elements on a supporting frame” were removed on that basis that these claim terms were not required for the allowability of other claims, such as claim 32. Claims 28-30, being dependent, include similar features and thus should be allowed for at least the same reasons.

Claim 31 has been amended to include features similar to those found in claim 32, which was indicated as having allowable subject matter. Claim 32 has also been amended to remove certain features not required for allowability. For instance, the claim terms “wherein at least one region comprises a single color, at least one region comprises two colors and at least one region comprises a plurality of colors” and wherein first selected color content “has a color biased towards at least one color selected from the group comprising: red, green or blue” were removed on that basis that these claim terms were not required for the allowability of other claims, such as claim 27. Claim 47 has been amended to include features similar to those found in claim 52, which was indicating as having allowable subject matter. Claims 48-51 and 53-56, being dependent, include the similar features and thus should be allowed for at least the same reasons. Claims 20, 27, 32, 43, and 52 have been cancelled. Any claims not specifically mentioned above are believed to be allowable for at least similar reasons as explained above.

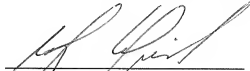
Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of the application as amended is requested. The examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 224-2170 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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